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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

On page 2 of the September 23, 2003 Office Action, claims 1-32 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent 6,455,011.

Without acquiescing to such rejection, applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in order to obviate this obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

With the submission of this terminal disclaimer, it is submitted that this obviousness-type double patenting rejection is overcome, and that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance. Therefore, an early indication of the allowability of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.*

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